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(c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Appendix to G.O. No. 2216, L. &. M., dated the 11th June 1935, which was placed on the table with the answer to clause (a) of question No. 61 delivered on 6th August 1935.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" In the answer to clause (b), I find that district panchayat officers have been appointed to all districts excluding East Tanjore. May I know what are the reasons for not making an appointment in that district?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The candidate who was appointed declined the appointment."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" In the case of appointment of assistant panchayat officers, may I know whether they are appointed on the basis of the number of panchayats in a district or on any other principle?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Generally the basis is the number of panchayats."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" In the district of North Arcot I find that the number of panchayats is much greater than in Salem district; may I know, Sir, why the number of assistant panchayat officers appointed to that district is less than those appointed to Salem if the appointments are made on the basis of the number of panchayats."

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Perhaps the difference in their size has been also taken into account."

Representation of Vanniyakula or Agnikula Kshatriyas in the cadre of panchayat officers and assistant panchayat officers.

* 348 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of all the district panchayat officers appointed till now, the communities to which they belong and the stations to which they have been posted;

(b) the names of all the assistant panchayat officers appointed till now, the communities to which they belong and the places where they are working; and

(c) the number of Vanniyakula Kshatriyas or Agnikula Kshatriyas appointed as district or assistant panchayat officers in the Presidency till now?

A.—(a) A statement [a] is appended.

(b) The appointments of assistant panchayat officers are being made by the presidents of district boards concerned and Government have no information about them on the points mentioned.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 325–326 infra.

(c) The Vanniyakula Kshatriya or Agnikula Kshatriya is a sub-sect of the Non-Brahman (Hindu) community and the total number of the Non-Brahmans now working as district panchayat officers is 20.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" I see that no Vanniyakula Kshatriya has been given any appointment throughout the Presidency. May I know why it is so?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Vanniyakula Kshatriyas are classified among non-Brahmans. So far, the Inspector has not sent names of any of them to the Government."

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" May I know whether any deputation waited on the Chief Minister to urge on him the claims of these Vanniyakula Kshatriyas to be appointed to these posts of panchayat officers?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have received deputations from many backward communities. When future vacancies arise, I shall ask the Inspector to bear in mind the claims of all the backward communities."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" No doubt this community is a sub-sect of the non-Brahman community; but is it a fair attitude for the Government to say that no communal justice should be shown to this community on that score?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I do not follow what the hon. Member means; Government consider that no injustice has been done to any community."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is aware that this community is a predominant community and that it should be given proper representation in the services?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government believe that all backward communities should be encouraged; but it will not be found possible by definite rules to give representation to all the numerous backward communities."

Appointment of Indian Christians and the members of the depressed classes as district panchayat officers.

* 349 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many district panchayat officers have been appointed since 12th March 1935;

(b) what communities they belong to;

(c) whether applications were received from Indian Christians and depressed classes for the posts of district panchayat officers;